



MINUTES OF THE LEE COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD

January 24, 2007

The Lee County Fire Advisory Board met on January 24, 2007 at the Lee County Government Center.

The following members were present:

- Donald Andrews, Jr.
- Linda Shook, Commissioner
- Doc Oldham
- John Altenburger
- Larry Kelly
- Royce Gaines
- Derrick Clouston
- Roger King

The following members were absent:

- David Smitherman, Ex officio member

Chairman Donald Andrews called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Chairman Donald Andrews asked for a motion for the January 10th minutes to be presented as is, or if there were any changes that needed to be made. John Altenburger asked that in the future for all acronyms to be defined in the minutes. John Altenburger made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Larry Kelly, and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Andrews informed the FAB that after speaking with County Manager David Smitherman, an invitation was extended to the FAB to make a presentation at the Board of Commissioner's Retreat scheduled for February 12th in Broadway. The one hour presentation would be a chance for the FAB to gain some insight on which goals to pursue and to solicit feedback from the Commissioners. After some discussion, FAB members decided that the first two goals of the "Goals and Objectives" be presented by Chairman Donald Andrews. Roger King took the goals to the drawing board and asked for feedback from members as to the best way to approach the Commissioners.

Goal #1: Bring unrated properties within Lee County inside a rated fire district.

- What does this mean?
- Why is this important?
- FAB and Fire Chiefs have created this goal!
- Map of District/GIS
- Figures (inside and outside)
- Insurance Premiums

Solution: Build (4) Substations

Challenges: Funding Mechanisms

- Flat Tax
- Current Tax System
- Split

Goal #2: Fire Departments are encouraged to work towards lowering their ISO rating with a target of a district wide 6 rating.

- Why?
 - After 6 no significant break on residential
- What has been done?
 - Some have conducted needs assessment
- Fire Departments are up for a rating
- How long?
 - 3 years

Challenges: Paid Staff

Educate Fire Departments on System

Benefits: Increase efficiency in response to lower life loss and dollar loss
Savings on premiums
Additional savings – giving money back to citizens

Derrick also announced that this would be his last meeting with the FAB, as he will be taking a job at the Office of State Fire Marshal. FAB members thanked Derrick for the progress that has been made through his assistance while serving on the FAB.

Therefore being no further business to come before the FAB, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. Motion made by Roger King, seconded by Royce Gaines.

The next meeting has been set for February 8th, 6:00 p.m. at the Lee County Government Center.

Donald Andrews, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST:

Nancy Veroni, Secretary